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SUBJECT: PEKING WELCOMES PRESIDENT OF MALI

1. PEKING GAVE MOUSSA TRAORE USUAL TREATMENT ACCORDED VISITING HEADS OF FRIENDLY STATES - A WELCOMING PICTURE AND EDITORIAL ON FRON PAGE OF PEOPLE' S DAILY, LARGE CROWDS COLLECTED TO GREET THE MOTORCADE, FLAGS ALONG THE STREETS AND BANNER SLOGANS PROCLAIMING FRIDNDSHIP. HOWEVER, CEREMONIES WERE NOWHERE NEAR THE SCALE ACCORDED NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG DURING THEIR VISIT EARLIER THIS MONTH. USLO OFFICERS NOTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS TURNED OUT TO MEET TRAORE WAS ABOUT HALF THAT OF THOSE WELCOMING NORTH VIETNAMESE, AND DECORATIONS EXTENDING ALONG CHANG AN STREET FELL SHORT OF THOSE DISPLAYED FOR LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG BY ABOUT A HALF MILE ON EITHER SIDE OF GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE.

2. COMMENT: PRC POLICY IS TO TREAT ALL FRIENDLY STATES EQUALLY REGARDLESS OF SIZE, BUT SOME ARE QUITE CLEARLY MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS.
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